

KESSELL, Henry Kilross



Lieut. H. Kessell, one of the soldiers photographed in *The Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1915. (2014). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Rank: Lieutenant

Service Number: Lieutenant

Unit: 15th Battalion

Place of Birth: Leamington, England.

Date of Birth: c. 1874

Enlisted at, on 23 September 1914 aged 40 years 0 months. Previously served in 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles Regiment, South Africa (Boer War). When enlisting for Boer War in 1902 he was 28 years 3 months, a draper. He was 5 feet 11 inches and chest measurement was 36 inches. Fair complexion, with blue eyes and brown hair. Mole on left cheek.

Next-of-kin was his sister, Mrs J Alexander, Queens Crescent, Mount Lawley. His occupation was selector. Served in Egypt, Gallipoli. Embarked Alexandria to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force (Gallipoli Campaign), 12 April 1915. Wounded in action, 2 May 1915 (GSW shoulder); transferred to Alexandria, 10 May 1915, and admitted to No 1 Australian General Hospital; reported 'serious', 12 May 1915; 'progressing favourably', 14 May 1915;

'dangerously ill', 15 June 1915; died of wounds, 3 July 1915. Buried in Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, B314, Egypt.

Medals: *Distinguished Conduct Medal* 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section of ten men was twice held up by strong points, he led his men on, and cleared them out, killing two of the enemy who were throwing bombs. He was three times wounded, but stuck to his men until the objective was reached.'

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Cemetery: Cairo War Memorial Cemetery

Country: Egypt

Area:

Rank: Lieutenant

Official Number:

Unit: 15th Bn. Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Force: Army

Nationality: Australian

Details:

Died of wounds 03/07/15 Age 41 B. 314. Son of Thomas Norman Kessell and Sophia Eliza Kessell. Born at Leamington, England.

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](http://naa.gov.au)

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Paulette Flint, 2024